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Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. A replacement abstract in a more traditional U.S. format has been provided.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as allegedly being "anticipated" by Tsukui *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,557,045). While not acquiescing in this rejection, claims 1-4 have been amended. As such, the discussion below makes reference to the amended claims.

Tsukui *et al.* discloses an e-mail apparatus in which the domain name and sub-domain name of an e-mail address are input without inputting the individual characters thereof. Specifically, the apparatus includes a memory that stores a plurality of top domain names and a plurality of sub-domain names in distinct fields, respectively. The user can use separate scroll buttons 703, 704 and 705 to separately designate the top domain name and one or more sub-domain names.

In contrast to the e-mail apparatus of Tsukui *et al.*, the communication terminal apparatus of claim 1 includes a memory for storing a plurality of partial e-mail addresses, at least one of the partial e-mail addresses stored in the storage section comprising two or more different e-mail address parts. Thus, by way of example with reference to the illustrative non-limiting embodiments described in the subject application, a memory of a communication terminal can store a partial e-mail address comprising both a top-level domain name and a sub-level domain name. *See, e.g.,* the partial e-mail addresses of the second category in Figure 6. No such memory is provided in Tsukui *et al.* and indeed Tuskui *et al.* expressly shows in Figure 5 that the nominal partial e-mail addresses stored in the back-up memory 106 each comprises only one e-mail address part (*i.e.,* user name, sub-domain 1, sub-domain 2, and top domain). There is no disclosure or suggestion of storing partial e-mail addresses comprising two or more of these nominal e-mail address parts as set forth in claim 1.

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For at least these reasons, Tsukui *et al.* cannot anticipate claim 1 or any of claims 2-4 that depend therefrom.

New claims 5-20 have been added. The subject matter of these new claims is fully supported by the original disclosure and no new matter is added.

Claim 5 is directed to a communication terminal including a storage section for storing one or more partial e-mail addresses each comprising at least a top-level domain name and a sub-domain name. A complete e-mail address of an e-mail recipient is specified by combining an e-mail address portion input using an input section of the terminal with a selected partial e-mail address. Tsukui *et al.* at least fails to disclose or suggest the storage section of claim 5 and thus claim 5 is believed to be allowable over Tsukui *et al.* Claims 6-11 depend from claim 5 and are believed to be allowable because of this dependency and because of other patentable features contained therein.

Claim 12 is directed to a communication terminal including a storage section for storing one or more partial e-mail addresses each comprising two or more different e-mail address parts. A complete e-mail address of an e-mail recipient is specified by combining one or more e-mail address parts with two or more e-mail address parts designated by making a single selection from a display of the partial e-mail addresses displayed on the display section. No such features are disclosed or suggested by Tsukui *et al.* and thus claim 12 is believed to be allowable over this document. Claims 13-20 depend from claim 12 and are believed to be allowable because of this dependency and because of other patentable features contained therein.

New claim 21 is directed to a communication apparatus including a storage section that stores a plurality of partial e-mail addresses. The storage section is configured so that one of the stored partial e-mail addresses can be the same as one or more of the e-mail address parts of another one of the stored partial e-mail addresses. By way of example, in the case of an e-mail address of abc@faxmail.co.jp, it is possible to store "co.jp" as one partial e-mail address and "faxmail.co.jp" as another partial e-mail address.

Tsukui *et al.* is directed to completing an e-mail address entry by reading out e-mail address data pieces, *e.g.,* a top-level domain name, a sub-domain name and a user name using

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separate scroll buttons. More specifically, in Tsukui *et al.* an e-mail address is divided into plural pieces, and the plural pieces are stored individually. For example, the address "tsuki@rdmg.mgcs.mei.co.jp" is divided into "tsuki", "rdmg.mgcs", "mei" and "co.jp", which are then stored individually.

There is no disclosure or suggestion in Tsukui *et al.* of the concept of storing one partial e-mail address that is the same as one or more of the e-mail address parts of another stored partial e-mail address as specified in claim 21. In accordance with a non-limiting illustrative, example implementation of the apparatus of claim 21, a user can select a suitable partial e-mail address to enter, from among a plurality of stored partial e-mail addresses in which one stored partial e-mail address can be the same as one or more of the e-mail address parts of another stored partial e-mail address. For example, with reference to the address abc@faxmail.co.jp, when entering up to "abc", the user can select "faxmail.co.jp" from among the stored partial e-mail addresses or when entering up to "abc@faxmail", the user can select "co.jp" from among the stored partial e-mail addresses. Consequently, manual entry of e-mail addresses can be facilitated.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

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